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Sir:

Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time until May 24, 1993 to respond to the Final Office Action mailed November 24, 1992. An appropriate response to the Final Office Action in the form of a Notice of Appeal is enclosed herewith.

Please charge \$840.00 (large entity) to Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above Deposit Account. This petition is submitted in triplicate.

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